

CHNYC TELLTALE

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Do it on the water

Just sailing and singing in the rain!

Dennis Crowley
Rear Commodore; Sail Training

As scary as the first part of the sail training season has been so far, not to mention the weather, things have warmed up nicely. The sun and the students have come out.

I want to thank the instructors who braved the cold and rain for the first two months. All of the instructors, old and new, have done a wonderful job molding the skills of our future skippers. In my conversations with the students, many have expressed high praise for instructors Clint, Chuck, Ben, John, Paul and Rich.

I will send out an e-mail announcing an Instructor Seminar & Cookout. It will be a good opportunity to give feedback and swap teaching tricks and techniques. I expect it will be held on July 12th.

As the weather warms, the class size has increased. Many of the classes are now close to or at capacity. With the increase in the number of future sailors I ask all of the already overworked and under paid instructors to continue to support the program.

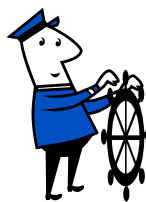
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From the Helm

Given the tops of our boats have been just as wet as the bottoms ... perhaps I should have applied bottom paint topside as well???



Jim Gilmore
Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

At the time of this writing there have been three days of sunshine in a row ... we must be in the mist of a heat wave and on the verge of a drought!!! What a lousy way to start out the boating season. Hopefully it's all behind us now with nothing but smooth boating and an exciting July ahead.

In this issue you're going to find some dreary news matching the previous (I'm thinking positive here) weather and you'll read about some wonderful activities as well. My comments will be brief and focus on the wonderful things.

- First it's great to see that the recent Marina Improvement Project is complete. Although there maybe a handful of minor issues yet to be resolve – I'd say all-in-all this is a huge improvement to the marina and a significant benefit for its patrons. For me personally, my docking skills are improving rapidly as I learn to navigate around my new dock box without providing entertainment for those in the near vicinity ☺
- With the marina back in order it's time for me to make my standard plea for Sailing Instructors. I'm not sure which attributed the most to the slow start of our

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Some instructors have committed to a particular day or two, so I'm asking others to come down, lend a hand, and make a commitment. I've had to turn away a couple of students a couple of times, and lately have done training with three students per boat. Ideally we would like to put two students per boat. Please come and participate in on-water training.

Again we are off to a great start, thank you for your help and support, and have a great summer season on the water.

Dennis❖

Marina Advisory Group

Bob Parent
MAG Co-chairperson

Mrs. Dee Richards, Storefront manager for MWR was introduced to the group. The MAG looks forward to working with Mrs. Richards, on behalf of marina patrons, and for the betterment of the facilities and operations.

New Dock boxes were discussed, the location of the dock boxes can be a problem for some patrons depending on the individual's boat. Walter will work with patron as needed to resolve specific problems. Only problems that seriously impair the patron's safety or property will be addressed.

Winter berthing will be offered this year MWR has sent a letter to all marina patrons with the specifics.

The future of the Shields was discussed MWR has decided to take the Shields off line after this season. Stating that the cost of maintenance, launching, and hauling did not keep pace with the revenue generated, and that the funds received from the sale of the Shields would be used to improve the powerboat, and Rhodes fleet. After a discussion Mrs. Richards agreed to maintain two Shields for FY-04 season.

Based on a BUPERS instruction all Shields racing with boats other than NAVY owned boats have been curtailed until further notice. The issue is Navy liability / insurances. The Shields will be able to race among themselves for the remainder of the year. The Shields will race on Wednesday nights along with the Rhodes fleet (separate starts).

There was a brief discussion concerning hours of operations of the rental boats, in particular the powerboats to enable fishermen to use the boats in the early morning hours during the week. MWR will investigate the feasibility of the request.

A concern over guest access to the marina was discussed, MWR will provide guidance, and make an attempt to simplify the process, in the near future.

Marina Upgrade; "A" dock is complete; the additional 16 forty foot slips are being added to C dock and will be complete by the end of June.

The "Mercury" dock has been repaired (no more flowers growing out the top of piles) and the rental powerboat floats have received some attention.

Once again B/Z to Jeff Shea, and the recreation staff for their efforts to create a first class Marina, and a special thanks to Walter for accommodating berthing assignments during the "A" dock replacement.

Bob❖

Ground School Schedule – Summer 2003

Date	Instructor
June 30	NO CLASS
July 7	John Allen
July 14	Bill MacKay
July 21	Bob Loewenthal
July 28	Scott Atkin
August 4	NO CLASS
August 11	John Allen
August 18	Ken Ingerson
August 25	Kevin Healey

Although our sailing season got off to a damp start, we have graduated 72 students in six classes from the Ground School program as of June 26. The feedback from the instructors on the new slides that Chuck made up over the winter has been very positive. The small model boat was refurbished by Lisa Roy and looks ready to sail out the window.

We will take a break in ground school training over the July 4th week, with the next class starting on July 7.

Many thanks to the hard working instructors.

Thank you for your support.

Paul Watters ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAIL TRAINING

PLACE: BUILDING 17 & 18, NAVSTA NEWPORT

DAYS: GROUND SCHOOL ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
NIGHTS 7-9 PM; ON-THE-WATER SESSIONS SATURDAY MORNINGS
8-NOON AND MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS 5-7PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

PLACE: STARTING LINE WEST OF NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

DAY: EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING

TIMES: SEE NOTICE OF RACE ON THE CHNYC WEB PAGE

STAR SPANGLED SPECTACULAR – CONCERT & FIREWORKS

DATE: THURSDAY JULY 3 (RAIN DATE SATURDAY JULY 5)

Navy Band Northeast will pull out all the stops & a top-notch
pyrotechnics display will light up the sky.

BLACK SHIPS FESTIVAL CONCERT & FIREWORKS

DATE: FRIDAY JULY 18 (RAIN DATE SATURDAY JULY 19)

A special tribute to Commodore Perry and Japan.

CHNYC LAWN PARTY & BARBECUE

DATE: SUNDAY JULY 20

You don't want to miss this one

RACING SEMINAR

PLACE: BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM

DATES: JULY 21, 22 AND 24 AT 5 PM; ON-WATER CERTIFICATION
ON SATURDAY JULY 26TH AT 2 PM.

See details in this issue.

WINSLOW CUP REGATTA

PLACE: NARRAGANSETT BAY

DATE: 2 AUGUST

See information in this issue and check the WEB page

VOLVO LEUKEMIA CUP

DATES: AUGUST 15-17 WEEKEND

See information in this issue

SWINGING THROUGH & ROCKING THE SUMMER AWAY

DATES: FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

Two great shows combined into a musical extravaganza

CHNYC FISHING TOURNAMENT

PLACE: NARRAGANSETT BAY

DATE: AUGUST 22-24

Awards barbecue will be on August 24th. See details in this
issue.

Basic Sail Training Program (ugly weather or marina construction) BUT with both behind us now – I suspect our activity level will pick-up substantially. So please dust off those skills, look at your schedules, and give what you can to support this wonderful program. We can't have enough volunteer instructors on the waterfront.

- You'll also read about the fate of the Shields later in the newsletter so I won't belabor the issue(s) other than say it's sad to think and/or see any longstanding tradition with a deep heritage come to an end. On the bright side of the coin, MWR is committed to supporting a recreational boating program and have indicated the intent to use the Shields proceeds to begin a Rhodes phased replacement program (some of which are in a real need of replacement).

- And as a closing note – July is always a favorite month for me. Enjoy all of the 4th of July weekend events (concert & fireworks series, etc) and be on the lookout for Daisy – I'm sure she'll be making her rounds looking for the best dock party. And don't forget July 20th; it's a Sunday. I hope to see everyone at our first of two scheduled YC Marina Cookouts.

Now where's my shades, sunscreen & boat wax . . .

Jim ❖

Marina Parking Pass Reminder

Sometimes finding a parking place for your car in the Marina and O'Club lot is a challenge. This is especially so when MWR/NAVSTA has scheduled a Navy Band Northeast concert and fireworks. To ease your frustration, marina patrons should see the guys at the marina and get your parking pass/permit before the event. You'll be able to take a left after you come in the Gate 1 and park in one of the lots closer to your boat!

From the Race Course

CHNYC Series incorporates Shields and Rhodes 19!

Ben Riggs
Rear Commodore, Race Committee

RHODES & SHIELDS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

The season has started, albeit a bit slowly due to curtailment of boat availability as a result of the dock construction project. The racing mark known as # 15 on the South Bay Race Chart was fabricated by our Commodore and is now in place in Potter's Cove.

Due to the suspension of Shields racing with Fleet Nine, their races are now being conducted with the Rhodes class. The Shields will start first, with the warning signal for the Rhodes following after a one-minute interval. It is expected that the courses will usually be the same, but with the Shields going around twice. As always, check-in and observation of visual signals are both important.

Race Committee Duty:

If anyone is interested in being a "regular" helper, particularly someone who would like to train to take over the RC job next year, please give me a call. In the meantime, I will try to get my own helper as often as possible to free up crewmembers for racing. The rest of the time, the Rhodes fleet will continue to provide helpers as needed.

2003 REGATTAS

The Winslow Cup for Shields and Rhodes will be held on August 2nd. We are hoping that non-Navy boats will be able to participate since this is a Navy/MWR sponsored event.

In addition, the Volvo Leukemia Cup will be held over the August 15-17 weekend. It will include a powerboat event in the form of a predicted log contest. Anyone with their own boat (sail or power) is invited to participate. Information and entry forms are available at the MWR office and on the CHNYC web site.

See you on the water.

Ben Riggs ♦

Racing Seminar

In order to participate in our Wednesday night Rhodes Racing Series, the skipper needs to be a member of CHNYC (\$20.00), be Rhodes qualified, and have a racing endorsement (B-KBS-R) on their NAVSTA qualification card.

The Winslow cup will be held on 2 August. To prepare for it, I will conduct the third Racing Qualification Seminar on July 21, 22, and 24 1700 thru 1900 at Bldg. 18. On Saturday, July 26 at 1400, I will perform spinnaker qualifications to round out the qualification process.

There will be NO FEE for club members, there will be a \$20.00 club membership fee for nonmembers. All participants will be responsible for boat rental fees for the Saturday afternoon session.

Topics to be covered are:

Racing Rules for Sailing
The 5 minute Starting System
Protest
Tactics
Courses, (South Bay Racing Chart)
Notice of Race & Racing Instructions
Spinnaker, use, rigging, set & take down
Local Knowledge

Come on out and enjoy the fun.

Rick Matton ♦

CHNYC on the WEB

The yacht club WEB site (www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc/) has been updated to include all the new material for Ground School. This information is a great resource for students and anyone who wants to brush up on sailing basics. Instructors should review this material to ensure we're all teaching students the same material.

The site also has key racing information including Notice of Race/Sail Instructions, race charts and course descriptions, and starting sequence.

Paul Schmidle ♦

From the Shields Fleet

Shields encounter troubled waters!

Harold Belson
Fleet Captain, Shields

Dee Richards, the MWR Store Front Manager announced at the Marina Advisory Group meeting on June 5, that MWR will sell four of the six Shields at the end of this season due to major budget cuts in their program. She reported that Shields lost approximately \$18,000 last season. Part of their plan is to use the proceeds from the sale to replace some of the Rhodes 19s.

Richards made a commitment, after discussion with Commodore Jim Gilmore, that the four Shields that will go up for sale will be offered to authorized marina patrons first, with any remaining, being sold on the open market. She also agreed that any authorized marina patron purchasing a Shields will be able to leave it on a marina mooring (at the going mooring rate) and the Shields may be stored at an outdoor winter storage area (at the going rate) if desired.

On top of all of that, Dee Richards also directed that we immediately cease all competitive racing with non-Navy boats. This is a Washington level issue driven by a review by the Office of the Judge Advocate General's Admiralty Division. It appears that they determined that the MWR self-insurance program covers racing of an MWR boat only when competing against other MWR boats. Even though racing skippers may be adequately insured with their own private insurance, Navy wants to assure no possible third party liability as the owner of the boats.

Commencing immediately, the Navy Shields will compete among themselves in races conducted by our yacht club. Shields racers are all terribly disappointed. Racing in a fleet of five or six just doesn't compare with the fun of racing in a fleet of thirty.

Congratulations to Bernie Patterson who finished third in our last race with Fleet 9 on June 4. Patterson, Shields #163 is clearly in first place among the Navy skippers. Harold Belson, #1 is second, John Allen, #15 is third, Ron Oard, #14 is fourth and Dean

From the Rhodes Fleet

Competition is keen!

Seth Moyer
Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

We are underway with the CHNYC Wednesday Night Rhodes 19 Race series. Unfortunately, we have fallen victim to the weather, canceling our preseason race and one other. We have also had to limit participation due to the number of Rhodes in the water at this time. Despite these obstacles, we have held four races with participation of 8, 3, 8 and 7 boats respectively. Eleven different skippers have taken part so far. A different skipper has won each of the first three races:

Race 1	28 May:	Herb Rommel
Race 2	4 June:	Rick Matton
Race 3	18 June:	David Wilson
Race 4	25 June	Herb Rommel
Race 5	9 July	could be you!

The summer series continues through the end of July, and the Fall series (9 races) will start in the beginning of August. I have had many inquiries by potential skippers and expect the fleet to expand as we have more boats available. At this time we are holding a drawing each week if we have more interested skippers than boats. If there are any individuals wishing to join us, please give me a call about reserving a boat.

I will also be looking for individuals interested in the Winslow Cup to be held in early August. Call or email if you are interested.

Seth ❖

Schofield, #29 is fifth.

It's impossible to end this report on an up beat. There are a number of folks doing everything they can to attempt to solve both of these problems, but the prognosis is not good. That's all!

Harold. ❖

From the Social Director

That's *right* ... that's me ready to go. A natural beauty (right Jim ???) just ready for the warm sun and water.



Daisy Gilmore
Social Director & Ship's Store Custodian

Our next activity will be a Marina Barbecue / Lawn Party scheduled for July 20th (Sunday) so mark those calendars. We'll also be holding one on August 24th (Sunday) in conjunction with the conclusion of the 1st (hopefully an annual event) Fishing Tournament.

We also have a full Ship's Store for your purchasing pleasure. You don't want to get caught short and find yourself without a fashionable CHNYC Shirt (or some other embroidered 'must have' item). You can give me a call at (401) 253-1985 (if you get voicemail just leave a message of what you're looking for) and we can work out some mutual delivery arrangements at the marina. I hope to be spending a LOT of time around the waterfront this year so drop by. I shouldn't be too hard to find ... look for the boat named 'DAISY' (hey, what can I say) on 'D' dock.

From the Secretary's Desk

"Commodore ... I'm keeping a list and checking off all the wonderful members who have sent in their membership renewal forms with their checks !!!"



Normand Roy
Secretary, CHNYC

Be sure to check your mailing label. If it indicates Mar-03 and highlighted ... it's time to send in that renewal check.

From the Vice Commo

Go fish!



Tom Hughes
Vice Commodore

Summer sure is great! Stripers, fluke, blues -- you can't throw a line out there without catching a fish, or sail-boater. Unfortunately, there is a catch-and-release policy on the latter.

The 22-24 August tournament is shaping up to be a respectable event. Tom and Cheri Richter and Ron Cheslock have done a great job beating the bushes for sponsors. Depending on the number of people entering the tournament (I'm using a planning figure of 40), prizes for largest scup, fluke and striper range from \$200 to \$800, respectively!

Second and third prizes in each category will also be awarded. Prizes include rod/reel combos, dinner for two, free oil changes and Jim Gilmore's boat. Well, I haven't quite got the go-ahead on that last prize—yet.

MWR has been a great partner in putting this event together. Jeff Shea and staff are helping with advertising, MWR coupons and have even thrown in a MWR boat for our tournament officials.

With some luck and good execution, this could be the start of the Annual CHNYC Fishing Tournament. We're bound to attract some power boaters to the club, which of course brings class and legitimacy to the table.

I'll sign-off for now. Or, to put it in sail-boater's terms, I'm raising my spinnaker, jibbing and tacking, ducking when coming about and hoping not to do an uncontrolled jibe along the way.

Tom ❖

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Very important ... areas in which you'd like to help and/or get involved with: We particularly need help with ...

☐ On-The-Water Sail Training ☐ Ground School ☐ Race Committee

Ask about our incentives associated with these programs:

☐ Sail Qualification Upgrades (Rhodes/Shields) ☐ Power Squadron ☐ Cruising
☐ Facilities (including Weather Emergency Crew) ☐ Special Events (Picnics, Socials, Etc)

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Predicted Log Contest – Volvo Leukemia Cup – Saturday August 16th

Melvin Lash
Rear Commodore, Power Squadron

Does your vessel have an engine? Can it push you at least seven knots? Have you ever made a speed curve? Have you ever entered a predicted log contest? Well, here is your chance to “use your power boat to FIGHT LEUKEMIA”. How you ask? Just join the Volvo Leukemia Cup Regatta to be held on Saturday August 16th right here in Narragansett Bay.

A predicted log contest is not a test of speed – it is a test of skill. It’s a sure way to practice navigation, expand your knowledge of local cruising waters and support a terrific charity; all while meeting friends and having fun.

The Narragansett Cruiser Association (NCA) has issued an invitation to our yacht club to participate in this fundraiser. The NCA is very pleased to announce the inclusion of power boat competition in this year’s Volvo sponsored event. I have always wanted to do this type of racing but never have thrust my way into it. The objective is to predict the amount of time it will take to travel the distance of a preset course. This sport tests your knowledge of your boat’s characteristics as well as your ability to navigate. You have to account for tides, current, weather and anything else that might affect your boat’s speed. More than one person can compete on the same boat, so you can bring along friends to enjoy the day.

You will run a modified course and be given all the necessary information and instructions. If you have a trawler, express, motorsailer or simply a sailboat with a motor capable of giving you 6 to 15 knots, a tachometer, a compass, and a chart, you can do it! Also a working head will be an asset as the race will be about two hours long.

If you wish to participate you can get more information at <http://members.aol.com/NarrCruise> and the NCA WEB site at www.predictedlog.org. The local NCA contacts for the Leukemia Cup are Chris Yalanis @ 401-846-6496 and Bill Stephens @ 401-254-4297. Give them a call to participate or to get a free training class. I have a brochures and applications aboard PENCHANT on B-dock – you can also call me and I can mail the information to you. Melvin ❖